



Duxbury Clipper, Thursday, June 23, 1983

Centennial Celebration Opens

The Centennial Celebration of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society begins Sunday, June 26, at 11 am. Loaded with sightseers, the trolley will make the rounds, leaving the King Caesar House, traveling down Washington St. past our stately shipbuilders' and sea captains' houses, along Chestnut St. by the Old Burying Grounds where so many of the Pilgrims lie, along Tremont St. with the Mayflower Cemetery, the First Parish Church, the Old Town Hall, and the town offices on the left. Next the bus will stop at the Capt. Gershom Bradford House, where hostesses will welcome visitors to the home of so many generations of Bradfords, now restored to its original colors and wallpapers. Branching off on Alden St., the trolley passes the Art Complex Museum, rounds the corner to the Alden House, perhaps our best reminder of Pilgrim times, before continuing on to the Drew House, first site of the historical rooms, now the office of the society.

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All these and many more points of historic interest can be discovered on the map in the Centennial program available everywhere on this Centennial day. Also in the program is an introduction to the society, complete listings of all the events throughout the summer, and descriptions of the various houses and properties owned by the society.

Finally, the visitors on the tour return to the King Caesar House, there to be serenaded by the DHS jazz band while they enjoy the Strawberry Festival or inspect the charming rooms of the King Caesar House, from the elaborate 19th century parlors, the formal dining room, and the summer kitchen, up through the master bedroom, the beguiling children's room with its dolls and toys, through the

costume room, and at last down into the beautifully refurbished museum wing, with its series of fascinating exhibits from Duxbury history.

At 4 pm a special exhibition in the Helen Bumpus Gallery of the Duxbury Free Library will present the Duxbury paintings of William H. Walker (1891-1938), long a resident of Powder Point. Concurrently, a new *History of the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society* by James Otis Post will be introduced as part of the Centennial Celebration. A showing of photographs of Duxbury in the past century will also be on view.

Duxbury Rural & Historical Society Notes

Time is flying by in spite of the weather. There

are 2 great happenings coming up this week for which tickets are needed.

Sunday, June 26, is the big Centennial day with all the historical houses open between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm with a trolley running between them; a Strawberry Festival on the King Caesar House grounds; and the DHS jazz band to entertain.

Tuesday, June 28, at 10 am is the day for the first of a series of 4 King Caesar House Mornings. One would not want to miss the fascinating programs given by historical experts.

Admission to these affairs is by ticket only which may be purchased at the Drew House, 685 Washington St. (by the flag pole).